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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8889

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL TRIESTE IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL ZAGREB IMMEDIATE

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CINCUSNAVEUR IMMEDIATE

USDOCOSOUTH IMMEDIATE

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USDOCOSOUTH NOT ADDEE PASS TO COMNAVSOUTH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IT, YO, US

SUBJECT: US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE FOLLOWING US-ITALIAN  
AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE

REF: STATE 62584

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFO IN REFTEL TO FSFA US DESK (MATIC)  
THIS AFTERNOON, STRESSING ROUTINE NATURE OF VISITS AND  
FACT THEY PLANNED LONG IN ADVANCE. MATIC, NOTING THAT  
AN OFFICIAL REPLY WAS NOT REQUIRED, STATED HIS "UNOFFICIAL  
VIEW" THAT THE SHIP VISITS AND SEAMEN'S LEAVES COMING AT  
THIS TIME WAS AN "UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE" WHICH WOULD  
ALMOST CERTAINLY GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION NOT JUST IN  
YUGOSLAVIA BUT IN "CERTAIN ITALIAN CIRCLES" THAT THE USG  
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WAS IN THIS MANNER DEMONSTRATING TACIT SUPPORT FOR THE

ITALIAN POSITION IN CURRENT DISPUTE OVER TRIESTE. EMBOFF  
ASSURED MATIC THIS WAS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE, REFERRING  
TO RECENT PETRIC-TOON AND GRANFIL-STABLER CONVERSATIONS ON  
THIS SUBJECT AND US HOPE THIS ISSUE WOULD BE AMICABLY SETTLED  
BY TWO PARTIES TO DISPUTE. MATIC REMARKED THAT NEVERTHELESS  
"IN THESE DAYS" YUGOSLAVS WERE TAKING ESPECIALLY CAREFUL  
NOTE OF EVERY ACTION BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT AFFECT  
THOSE COUNTRIES' BI-LATERAL RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT YUGOSLAVS WILL CONTINUE REACT UN-  
FAVORABLY TO US SHIP VISITS TRIESTE AFTER DARK IMAGE. QUESTION  
IS EXTENT TO WHICH THEY CHOOSE TO HEAT UP THE ISSUE. WITH  
REGARD TO COMMENT IN ROME 4292 THAT CANCELLATION THESE  
ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE REGARDED AS "APPARENT CONCESSION TO  
YUGOSLAV PROVOCATION", BELIEVE QUESTION OF WHO IS PROVOKING  
WHOM AT THIS JUNCTURE IS SUFFICIENTLY MURKY AS TO SUGGEST  
IMPORTANCE OF OUR CONTINUING NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS  
WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED BY EITHER PARTY TO DISPUTE AS  
TAKING SIDES.  
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